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MAF/TIGER Enhancements Program – An Update

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MAF/TIGER Enhancement Program (MTEP)

- Why MTEP?
 - → MAF/TIGER Issues
- Five Objectives of the MAF/TIGER Enhancement Program
- MAF/TIGER Accuracy Improvement Project (MTAIP)
 - → Three Focus Points
- Geographic Partnerships
 - → National
 - → Regional

Why MTEP?



- The MAF (Master Address File) and TIGER (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing) systems were...
 ...developed to support the Census Bureau's mission of collecting and cataloging accurate demographic and geographic data.
- Out of date...The Geography Division developed the TIGER System during the early 1980s and the MAF during the 1990s.
- Quality. The features in TIGER are a mass of information that has been compiled over more than 30 years using sources that ranged in accuracy, to the perceptions of the field staff as they add new streets and addresses without the aid of electronic location systems.

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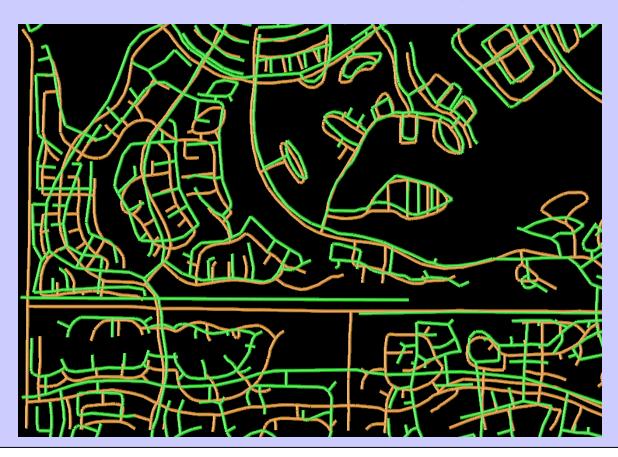








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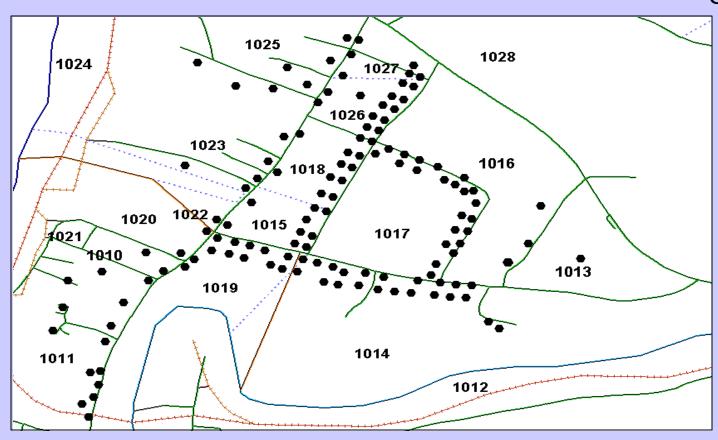




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Precludes the use of GPS locational Technology



No process for updating non city-style address areas



MAF/TIGER Enhancement Program (MTEP)

Solution:

- MAF/TIGER Enhancement Program
- Will "modernize and resolve" several aspects and issues of the MAF/TIGER system
- Activities directly support the Adminstration's
 Geospatial One-Stop E-government initiatives in
 compliance with the requirements of the Government
 Paper Work Elimination Act, OMB circular A-16, and
 Executive Order 12906.



1. MAF/TIGER Accuracy Improvement Project (MTAIP)

 Correctly locate every street and other map feature in the TIGER database, each MAF address, and to implement an effective automated feature change detection methodology.

- 1. MAF/TIGER Accuracy Improvement Project (MTAIP)
- 2. Modern MAF/TIGER processing environment
 - Develop/deploy a new MAF/TIGER processing environment based on COTS and GIS tools.

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3. Geographic Partnerships

 Expand and encourage geographic partnership programs with state, local and tribal governments, other federal agencies, and the private sector.

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4. American Community Survey Coverage Program

 Implement the American Community Survey Coverage Program, primarily for rural areas, to ensure a complete and accurate MAF/TIGER nationwide.

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5. Periodic evaluation activities

 Implement periodic evaluation activities to provide quality metrics, and to guide corrective actions needed to foster a fully effective national geocoding system



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Objective One of the MTEP



MAF/TIGER ACCURACY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MTAIP)

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 Correct the locations of streets and other map features (in TIGER);

 Correct the locations of housing units (in the MAF);

Implement automated change detection methods.

Harris and the Implementation of MTAIP

- 2002: partnered with the Harris Corporation; signed a contract for the implementation of the MTAIP.
- Harris Corporation Subcontracts Manager:

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Harris and the Implementation of MTAIP



Phase I (Completed December 18, 2002)

- Established the Technical Requirements
- Received Authorization to Proceed

Phase II (began January 3, 2003)

- Initial Qualification Testing
- Initial Production February 2003

MTAIP...How do we Fix TIGER?

Primary Strategy:

Census Bureau Regional Office Geographers **acquire tribal**, **state**, **and local files** to be used as the reference source to correct the street locations, add missing roads, and update the road names.

Secondary Strategy:

Harris Corporation will obtain and use:

- highly accurate private sector GIS files OR
- Imagery to build street centerline files

 OR
- Field collects the street centerline information

MTAIP...Production Process



The major **elements of the production process** are:

- Source Evaluation, Selection, and Acquisition
- Geospatial Processing
- Address Processing (which is currently on hold)
- Discrepancy Resolution
- Product Delivery and Customer Acceptance, and
- Change Detection and Maintenance.

MTAIP...Desired Digital File Content



- Street Centerlines
- Boundaries (counties, places, Federally recognized tribal lands)
- Hydrography
- Rail Features
- Structure Coordinates or Building Footprints (w/ addresses)
- Cadastral or Tax Parcels
- Legal Entity Boundaries
- Census Statistical Entity Boundaries

MTAIP...Evaluation of Source Files

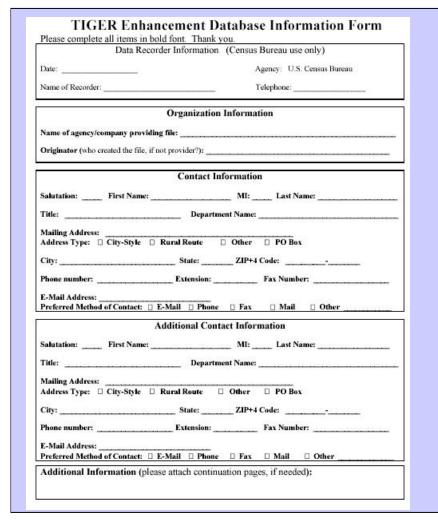
- Source files must meet the Census Bureau's 7.6 meter or better spatial accuracy requirement for street centerline files
- The Census Bureau contracts out the field data collection of 110 GPS
 coordinate points for street T-intersections, used to evaluate the spatial
 accuracy of each source file.
- Files that meet the **7.6 meter spatial accuracy requirement** (using circular error 95) are considered for the spatial coordinate enhancement of TIGER.
- Attributes or other characteristics of a file may be used if the file does not meet the CE 95 requirement
- Addresses and the coordinates for structures, as well as boundaries are evaluated separately.

MTAIP...Evaluation of Source Files

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TIGER Enhancement Database Information Form



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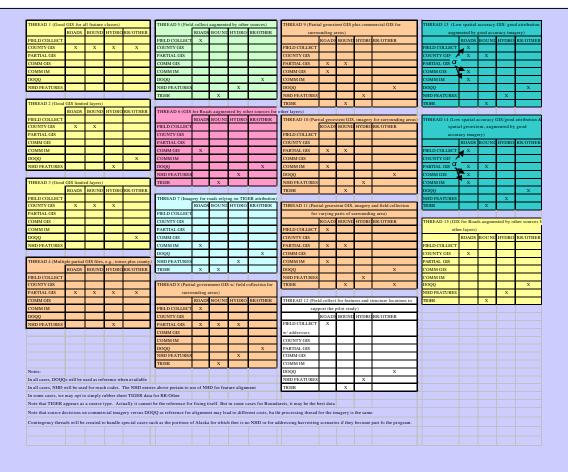
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MTAIP Production Processing Threads





MTAIP...Production Schedule



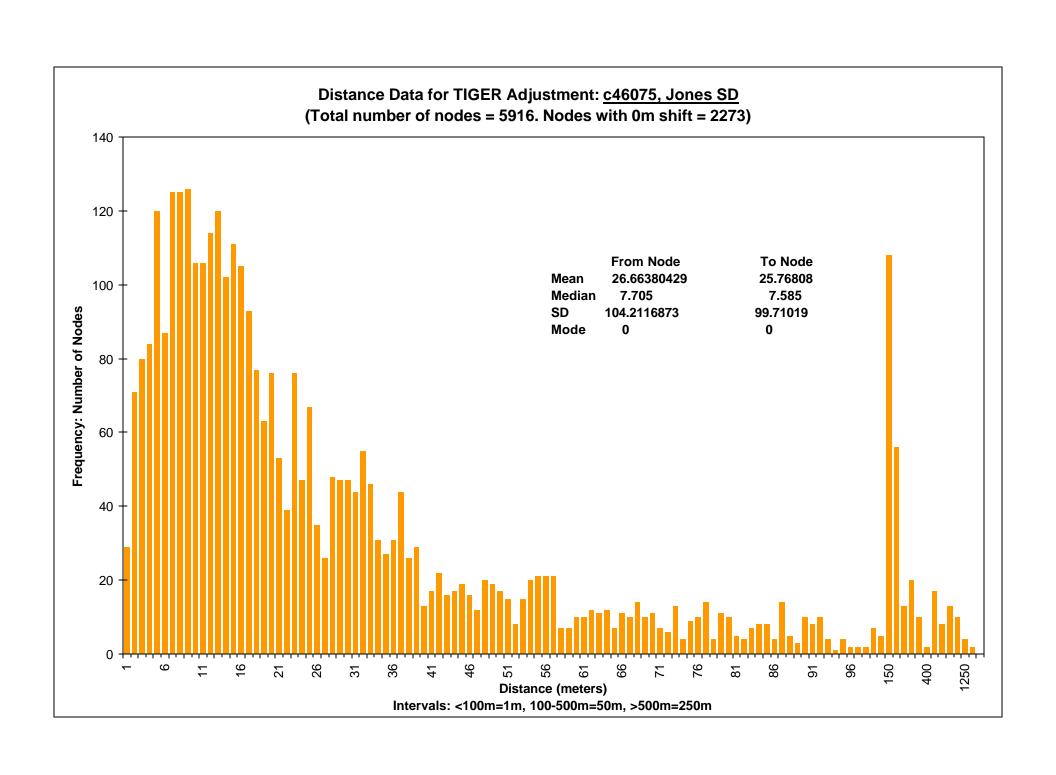
Projected Annual Production by Fiscal Year (October – September)



MTAIP...Providing Feedback to Source Providers



- Confirmation of documented metadata
- Written documentation containing the results of the
 110 GPS point evaluation of the local source file
- Frequency distribution graphs and other statistics showing range of coordinate adjustment for nodes,
- Written documentation concerning the suitability of data within the file, such as boundaries and addresses
- Enhanced TIGER/Line file



MTAIP vs BAS

- Boundaries for all entities will have to be reviewed relative to the more accurate roads.
 - Each BAS (Boundary and Annexation Survey) cycle will include all entities, regardless of population, in partitions that have completed the MTAIP process since (or during) the previous BAS cycle (year).
 - Census Bureau staff can do some of the boundary adjustments but most will need to be done by Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) officials.

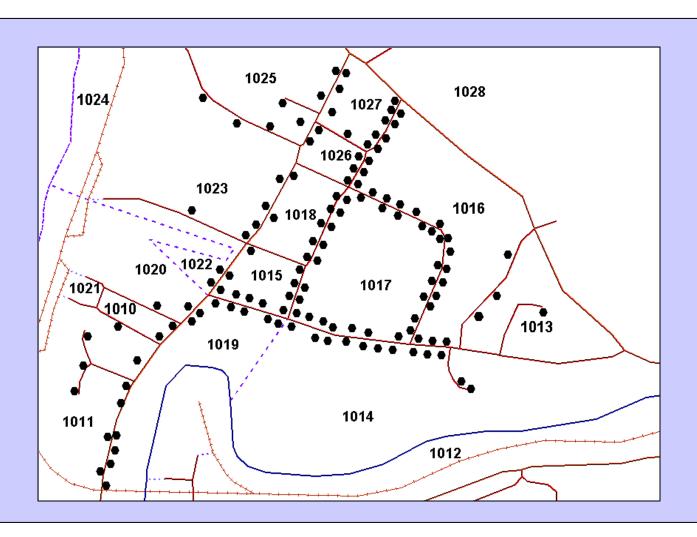
MTAIP...End Result



- A highly accurate street centerline "digital map" (geographic data base) of the entire United States, Puerto Rico, and the associated Island Areas.
- Correct locations in the MAF/TIGER, and devices equipped with GPS receivers, will provide the tools field staff need to find the correct housing unit/GQ and validate the accuracy of each address.
- Highly accurate MAF/TIGER locations will foster use of GPS locational technology for the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census.

MTAIP...End Result





MTAIP – End Result (continued)

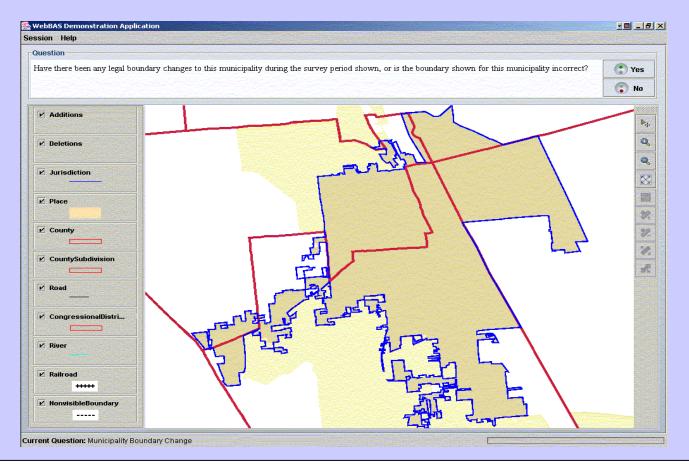


- Easier exchange of data and use of census geography in local GIS and The National Map.
- Potential for exchange and update of geographic data via a web application.
- BAS via a web application (CIPI-2)

Exchange and Maintenance of GIS files is a new and growing field.

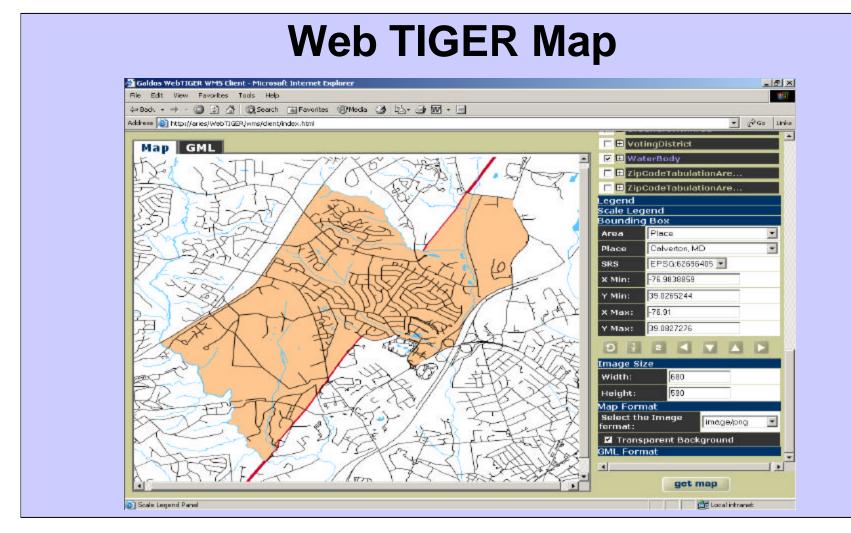
Web Applications Being Tested:







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Objective Three of the MTEP



Geographic Partnerships

Why Geographic Partnerships?



- Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-420)
- Experience in the 2000 Decennial Census
- Duplication of Effort
- Lack of Funds / Coordination of Funds and resources

Why Geographic Partnerships?

- Expand and encourage geographic partnerships with all sectors of government, the organizations that serve them, and the private sector
- To accomplish this objective the Census Bureau will:
 - Develop and deploy new strategies to:
 - **Communicate** more effectively with these groups
 - → Increase participation in geographic programs
 - → Effectively integrate the address list review program, street centerline update program, and boundary reporting programs that now exist as separate programs.
 - Establish new partnerships that can be used to improve the accuracy, currency and coverage of the MAF/TIGER databases.

Coordinating the Geographic Partnerships Program



- National Geographic Partnerships Team
- Tribal/State Geographic Partnerships Branch
- Local Geographic Partnerships Branch

The Census Bureau's Field Regional Offices

National Geographic Partnerships Team

- Develops geographic standards and represents the Census Bureau on various national and international geographic standards bodies.
 - Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)
 - Geospatial One-Stop E-government Committee
 - Technical Committee 211 of the International Standards Organization
 - Chairs the FGDC Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data
- Manages relationships with federal agencies and national-level organizations (excluding the U.S. Postal Service).

Tribal/State Geographic Partnerships Branch

- Coordinates all tribal and state geographic partnership programs
- Coordinates these partnership programs with the organizations that represents them, such as
 - Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA)
 - National Congress of American Indians
 - State Data Centers Program
 - Census Bureau's Advisory Committee
 - National States Geographic Information Council
- Acts as liaison with commercial data content providers.
- Develops new partnerships and methods to work with tribal and state governments and organizations that have digital address and geographic files

Local Geographic Partnerships Branch

Coordinates all regional, county, and local geographic partnership programs

- Coordinates these partnership programs with various organizations representing local governments, such as
 - National Association of Towns and Townships
 - National Association of Counties
 - National Emergency Numbers Association
- Responsible for the design, coordination, and execution of all geographic programs, such as
 - Acquisition of digital files
 - Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA)
 - Statistical Areas
 - Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)

Field Regional Offices



- Responsible for the day-to-day contact with tribal, state, and local governments for all geographic programs.
- First-level contact for all questions and issues initiated by geographic program participants
- Responsible for implementation of all geographic programs, such as
 - Inventory of available resources (TED)
 - Resource sharing recommendations
 - Acquisition of digital files for MTAIP
 - Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA)
 - Count Question Resolution Program

MTAIP and Geographic Partnerships

How can YOU participate?

- Provide the Census Bureau (via the Regional Geographers) with GIS files that meet our accuracy requirements and have good written descriptions of the contents (metadata)
- Continue to participate in the Boundary and Annexation Survey so we can represent the boundary information accurately
- Keep the Regional Geographers informed / involved in data development activities

MTAIP and Geographic Partnerships

What is the return to our partners?

- Improved address and map accuracy!
- More effective geographic partnerships
- A source for The National Map, Geospatial One-Stop, and the National Spatial Data Infrastructure
- A major contribution to a more effective / lower cost 2010 Census, ACS, and other household survey operations.

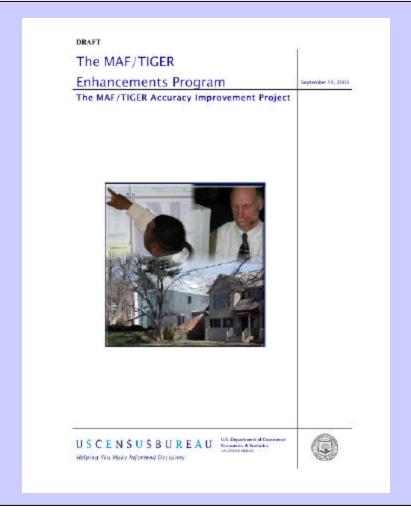
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- BAS via a web application (CIPI 2)
- Easier exchange of geographic data and use of census geography in local GIS
- "Enhanced" TIGER/Line (before general distribution)
- Potential for exchange and update of geographic data via web applications (exchange and maintenance of GIS files is a new and growing field)

More Information...MAF/TIGER Enhancements Program Booklet



More Information



Census Bureau's Website:

www.census.gov

MTAIP

http://www.census.gov/geo/mod/partner.html

TIGER/Line

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/index.html

Thank You



Questions ??????

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